

DENTAL BOARD[650]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Dental Board hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 10, “General Requirements,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendment would allow a dentist to delegate an expanded function duty to a licensed dental hygienist if the dental hygienist has completed Board-approved training pursuant to rule 650—20.15(153) in the specific expanded function that will be delegated. The expanded function duties are as listed in subrule 20.3(3).

Written comments about the proposed amendment will be accepted through June 5, 2013. Comments should be directed to Melanie Johnson, Executive Director, Iowa Dental Board, 400 SW 8th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4687, or by e-mail to Melanie.Johnson@iowa.gov.

A public hearing will be held on June 5, 2013, at 4 p.m. at the office of the Dental Board located at 400 SW 8th Street, Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendment. Any person who plans to attend the public hearing and who may have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Board office and advise of specific needs.

The proposed amendment was approved at the March 28, 2013, telephonic meeting of the Dental Board.

After analysis and review of this rule making, it has been determined that the amendment would have a positive impact on jobs. The ability to perform expanded function duties would provide dental hygienists with increased access to job opportunities in a competitive job market. The Board’s rules do not allow an individual to hold both a dental hygiene license and a dental assistant registration at the same time. This has resulted in an unintended consequence that restricts dental hygienists from performing expanded function duties even though they received expanded function training while they were registered dental assistants. Dental hygienists who had previously received expanded function training while they were registered dental assistants and dental hygienists who choose to receive such training after this amendment becomes effective would be able to perform expanded function duties. This amendment would allow dentists to delegate expanded function duties to dental hygienists with expanded function training. This training would have a positive impact on the ability of hygienists to find employment.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 153.15.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend subrule 10.3(1) as follows:

10.3(1) “Practice of dental hygiene” as defined in Iowa Code section 153.15 means the performance of the following educational, therapeutic, preventive and diagnostic dental hygiene procedures which are delegated by and under the supervision of a dentist licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 153.

a. Educational. Assessing the need for, planning, implementing, and evaluating oral health education programs for individual patients and community groups; conducting workshops and in-service training sessions on dental health for nurses, school personnel, institutional staff, community groups and other agencies providing consultation and technical assistance for promotional, preventive and educational services.

b. Therapeutic. Identifying and evaluating factors which indicate the need for and performing (1) oral prophylaxis, which includes supragingival and subgingival debridement of plaque, and

detection and removal of calculus with instruments or any other devices; (2) periodontal scaling and root planing; (3) removing and polishing hardened excess restorative material; (4) administering local anesthesia with the proper permit; (5) administering nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia in accordance with 650—subrules 29.6(4) and 29.6(5); (6) applying or administering medicaments prescribed by a dentist, including chemotherapeutic agents and medicaments or therapies for the treatment of periodontal disease and caries.

c. Preventive. Applying pit and fissure sealants and other medications or methods for caries and periodontal disease control; organizing and administering fluoride rinse or sealant programs.

d. Diagnostic. Reviewing medical and dental health histories; performing oral inspection; indexing dental and periodontal disease; making occlusal registrations for mounting study casts; testing pulp vitality; analyzing dietary surveys.

e. The following services may only be delegated by a dentist to a dental hygienist: administration of local anesthesia, placement of sealants, and the removal of any plaque, stain, calculus, or hard natural or synthetic material except by toothbrush, floss, or rubber cup coronal polish.

f. Expanded function duties performed by registered dental hygienist (RDH). A dentist may delegate an expanded function duty to a licensed dental hygienist if the dental hygienist has completed board-approved training pursuant to rule 650—20.15(153) in the specific expanded function that will be delegated. The supervising dentist and registered dental hygienist shall be responsible for maintaining in the office of practice documentation of board-approved training. A dentist may delegate to an RDH with expanded functions training the expanded function duties listed in 650—subrule 20.3(3).